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FRED FISKE: We've often spoken about the world of intelligence, of disinformation, of covert action. This evening we have with us a man who knows it well. Vladimir Sakharov was a Soviet diplomat, a KGB agent, and a CIA spy. He tells his unusual story in a new book. It's in paperback and it's titled "High Treason." He wrote it with Umberto Tossi.

Welcome to our program.

VLADIMIR SAKHAROV: It's a pleasure. Good evening.

FISKE: The name Sakharov is a rather common name in the Soviet Union. Are you any relation to the famous scientist?

SAKHAROV: No, no relationship. And it's not a comoon name at all.

FISKE: Isn't it?

SAKHAROV: It's not like Smith. It's a rather unusual name. Just a coincidence.

FISKE: I see.

Well, you were born into the Russian elite.

SAKHAROV: Yeah.

FISKE: Your family had been rich and influential even before the Revolution, and they had been among the privileged few in the Soviet Union since the Revolution. How did that happen?